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We have begun our great drive against the flies.

It is safe for the United States government to declare war on the sharks.

Twas a Greater Vermont surely and for two days a Greater Montpelier and Barre, too.

Car No. 34 of Vermont registration must know the Vermont roads by instinct by this time.

If Von Bernstorff should unexpectedly become a passenger on the return trip of the Deutschland and another ambassador should come to the United States to take his place—well, we guess the American people could stand it.

The reported let-down in the demand for American munitions must mean that the entente allies are catching up with their own needs. Surely they are doing as much ammunition as six months ago, and probably very much more than then. It is time to begin thinking of directing our energies in some other direction.

The German jackies aboard the submarine Deutschland must have gained a compelling idea of the democracy of the United States when they witnessed the act of one of their number in settling himself in the president's seat in the cabinet room of the White House and calmly surveying the surroundings. Over in his own country the same jackie would have been overwhelmingly pleased should he even be permitted to look at the place where the kaiser sits in council.

The presidential noise seems to have subsided to a marked degree. Following the nomination of Wilson by the Democrats and Hughes by the Republicans and Hughes' endorsement by the Progressives the political news flattened out completely. However, it is but a temporary quietude. The real noise will begin within a few weeks and there will be no cessation until the election has been cast in November. It is meretricious that we are spared undue political excitement in the hot months.

While expressing graceful appreciation of the work which Mason S. Stone did as the head of the Vermont public school system, the union school superintendents of Vermont gave to his successor, Milo E. Hillegas, a most cordial welcome to Vermont and promised him their most cordial co-operation to the end that the public school interests of Vermont might be materially advanced. Their announcement that they are open-minded with respect to school matters indicates that they are ready to follow along the lines which may seem reasonable. This is encouraging, as there must be close co-operation between the directing head and the superintendents in order to get the best possible results. Dr. Hillegas must have been pleased by that expression of readiness to co-operate, as it will serve to make his problems somewhat easier of solution.

The citizens of Barre have just voted \$82,500 bonds for public improvements. The Times of that city refers to the meeting at which these bonds were voted as being "largely attended." The highest vote cast was 333. This is just about one-fourth of Barre's last vote on president, 1,250. Comparatively, it is a large city meeting where one citizen out of four attends, but it is a serious reflection upon the lack of interest shown by people in the financial affairs of their community that they will absent themselves from meetings at which important transactions are considered.—Rutland News.

Why, bless you, neighbor: the attendance at the city meeting referred to was so much greater than we had been accustomed to that we were beginning to think that Barre citizens were getting well on a hot summer night. We have had city meetings when only a few of the so-called baker's dozens were present; and some rather important actions were taken, too. It is next to impossible to get out a major fraction of the voting strength of the municipality unless the vote is taken at a regular city election, duly warned; and Barre is no different in that respect than the average community. We are still inclined to think that an outpouring of 333 voters on a hot summer night was rather good, although we agree that it might have been better.

SAFETY ON VERMONT HIGHWAYS.

A serious automobile accident, although not accompanied by a fatality, occurred near White River Junction recently and, as has often figured in accidents this summer, a bridge was one of the contributing factors but not the chief factor. The chief factor, we should presume from the nature of the conditions as outlined by the White River Junction Landmark, was the effort of the driver of the automobile to go rapidly when not familiar with the highway. In the first place the party was from Canada and, presumably was not thoroughly acquainted (if at all acquainted) with the quirks and turns of the stretch of highway from the Canadian line to Worcester, Mass. The driver may have passed over the road a few times, but that experience would not be enough to impress upon his mind the dangers that line the 200-mile



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itinerary. In the second place, the car was driven at a rapid rate down a steep hill, at the base of which was a sharp curve and a bridge only a few feet beyond the curve. The combination of speed, the curve and the bridge was too much for the most experienced driver; and the result was that the machine struck the bridge with sufficient force to move the end of the bridge slightly from its foundation, while the occupants of the car were hurled about in various directions with more or less serious injuries resulting to most of the party. The machine, of course, was considerably damaged.

The moral of the affair is that while it is never absolutely safe to speed a car on crooked roads even though the driver is thoroughly acquainted with the lay of the land, it is absolutely foolhardy for a person to attempt to drive rapidly over an unfamiliar road unless the whole road is at all times visible for a long distance. The stranger never can tell just what to expect, either a sharp curve, a high embankment, soft roadbed, or some vehicle or pedestrian. Proper caution dictates a normal speed in which the driver is capable at a moment's warning to bring his car to a halt. Our New England highways would be much safer were this plan to be followed.

CURRENT COMMENT

Dr. Flexner's Statement.

Dr. Simon Flexner of the Rockefeller Institute has presented to the public in simple and understandable form a statement of all that science knows concerning the scourge, thought of which fills so many minds. Means should be taken to place it in the hands of every person that can be induced to accept and read it. Here is not a matter where headlines furnish complete enough information. No newspaper summary of the contents of the message is an adequate substitute for the message itself.

The best hope of checking the disease is not in anything that the doctors can personally do. It is necessary to have public education in the widest possible degree and then action in accord with the instruction of that education. The germs are usually distributed by discharge from the mucous or nasal passages. They can be spread not merely by those actually suffering from the disease, but by adults who give no visible signs of it. The inference is clear that the person who spits or sneezes in a free way in public places is more than ever a pest. In every household attention should be paid to the behavior of noses, and care exercised to keep hands clean. Pains-taking will save lives and crippling for life. Here is something with respect to which no sensible person will sneer at science as a tedious old fool.

If there were monkeys enough to provide an adequate supply of serum it is probable that general immunizing inoculation would be feasible. This being the case it would seem desirable to increase our imports from Africa and South America and to adopt a new style of pet. If the lap dog population could be transformed into man's distant cousin it is probable there would be monkeys enough to furnish serum laboratories with supplies.

Get hold of a copy of Dr. Flexner's paper and carefully read it.—New York Globe.

Several Varieties.

Blinks—Did you have anything in your garden this spring?
Tinks—Oh, yes, several varieties.
Blinks—What, for instance?
Tinks—Oh, Plymouth Rocks and Leg-horns.—Judge.

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Mission Union Sunday School, South Barre—Meets Sunday at 3 p. m. There will be no preaching service.

East Barre Congregational Church—James Ramage, pastor. Preaching service at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 11:45. Christian Endeavor service at 7 p. m.

Church of the Good Shepherd—W. J. M. Beattie, rector. Holy communion at 8 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:50. Evening prayer and short address at 7 o'clock.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Service convenes at 3 p. m. in Forester's hall in Worthen block. Mormon doctrine will be expounded by Mormons. No collection. Everybody come.

Christian Science Church—Service at 10:45 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30. To these services all are welcome. The reading room is open Tuesday and Friday from 2 to 4 p. m. 7 Summer street.

St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Westerville—W. J. M. Beattie, rector. Evening prayer and sermon at 3 o'clock. Sunday school at 9 p. m. Service on Wednesday evening at 7:15, followed by rehearsal of the choir.

Berlin Congregational Church—Frank Blomfield, pastor. Morning service at 10:45, when the pastor will give the first of a series of summer sermons. Topic: "Sitting Down Upon the Green Grass." Sunday school at noon. Young people's meeting at 7:30 p. m.

First Presbyterian Church, Graniteville—Rev. James Fraser will preach at 10:30 o'clock. The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be dispensed Sunday school at noon. Gaelic preaching at 3 p. m. Service in English at 7 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

First Presbyterian Church—Edgar Crossland, pastor. 10:30 a. m. worship and sermon. "But We See Jesus." Sunday school at noon. Union service on the park at 5 p. m. Rev. J. B. Reardon will preach the sermon. Familiar gospel hymns will be sung. At 7 p. m. Rev. J. W. Barnett, Ph. D., will preach the sermon. Everybody welcome.

Congregational Church—J. W. Barnett, pastor. 10:30 a. m. union service in the Hedding Methodist church. Dr. Barnett will preach; subject, "Jesus Christ, the Ultimate Satisfaction for Human Needs." There will be a short children's sermon. 12 m. Sunday school. 5 p. m. open-air service on the park. Rev. J. B. Reardon will preach. Everybody welcome.

Brook Street Italian Mission—Sunday school at 3 p. m. All the children of the Sunday school are urged to come and find out about the picnic. Conferenza morale alle 7:30 p. m.; sul tema: "Altruismo oltimare degli altri." Tutti gli Italiani sono cordialmente pregati di venire, vedere e ragionare. Cantici belli ed educativi precedono e seguono la conferenza.

First Baptist Church—Bert J. Lehigh, pastor. Residence, 27 Franklin street. The pastor will preach on Sunday at 10:30 a. m.; subject of sermon, "The Everlasting Arms." Bible school at 12 o'clock. Union service on the park at 5 o'clock. Prayer and praise service on Thursday evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all to worship with us. Union service on park at 5 p. m. Rev. J. B. Reardon will preach the sermon.

Orange Congregational Church—Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 12 o'clock; topic, "Paul at Athens"; lesson text, Acts 17:22-34. Sunday school at 1:45; subject, "Paul in the Hands of a Mob." Evening service discontinued until fall. Union service in the park at 5. Everybody welcome. At the morning service Prof. W. A. Wheaton will play "Ave Maria" (Niedermeier) and "Festal March" (Barnby). The quartet will sing "I Will Extol Thee" (Forsythe) and "Jubilate Deo" (Geibel). Offertory solo, "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing" (Cutter).

Universalist Church—John B. Reardon, minister. Public worship and sermon at 10:30; subject, "The Differing Fruits of Religion and Theology." Bible study at 11:45; subject, "Paul in the Hands of a Mob." Evening service discontinued until fall. Union service in the park at 5. Everybody welcome. At the morning service Prof. W. A. Wheaton will play "Ave Maria" (Niedermeier) and "Festal March" (Barnby). The quartet will sing "I Will Extol Thee" (Forsythe) and "Jubilate Deo" (Geibel). Offertory solo, "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing" (Cutter).

East Montpelier Campmeeting—Morning prayer meeting at 9 o'clock. Preaching and preaching service at 10:30. Children's meeting at 1:30. Preaching service at 2:30. Young people's meeting at 6:30 o'clock. Praise service and preach-

ing at 7:30. Rev. D. W. Stafford, presiding elder, is in charge. He is assisted by Rev. O. J. Harvi of Westport Factory, Mass., Rev. Nelson B. Davis of Boston, and Rev. J. E. Taylor of Montpelier Evangelical church. Mrs. Nelson B. Davis is the soloist and song leader. Services through the coming week at 10:30 a. m., 2:30 and 7:30 daily. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this old-fashioned campmeeting.

GRANITEVILLE.

Miss Margaret Fraser will return to Boston to-morrow after a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Fraser. She will be accompanied by her cousin, Miss Margaret Fraser, who will visit in Boston before returning to her home in New York City. A few of the members of the New England Order of Protection attended the meeting in Barre last evening. They were Mr. and Mrs. Angus Graham, Mrs. J. H. Sutor, Mrs. Gordon McLeod, Mrs. N. A. McDonald and Mrs. Lewis Clark. Mrs. W. H. Miles and Mrs. Anna Henry were guests at the home of L. M. Flynn in West Topsham yesterday. The trip was made in Mr. Miles' car.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Program for the Coming Week at Park Theatre.

Signor Alessandro Alberini, the Boston opera baritone, who has filled the Park theatre to capacity two days this week has agreed to extend his visit to Barre and appear next week for three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Every music lover should be sure to hear Signor Alberini. An especially strong feature play program has been arranged for next week. Monday, Anna Held in "Madame La Presidente." Tuesday Charlie Chaplin in "Carmen" and Bessie Barriscale in "The Painted Soul." Wednesday Jackie Saunders in a hand-colored film, "The Shrine of Happiness." Thursday Olga Petrova in "The Soul Market." Friday John Barrymore in "Nearly a King" and Saturday Alice Brady in "Tangled Fates."—adv.

U. S. Autos Run Cheaply.

In Farm and Fireside we read: "The office of public roads, which is a part of the U. S. department of agriculture, has used three low-priced cars in supervising maintenance of the Washington-Atlanta highway. These machines have furnished an excellent opportunity for securing accurate figures on the cost of operation. The cars were in use all of the year 1915.

"The total mileage of the three machines was over 62,000 miles. Two of the cars ran over 22,000 miles each during the year, and the cost per mile in one case was 3.97 cents and in the other 4.07 cents. The other car ran 16,288 miles and cost 4.75 cents per mile. Roughly speaking, the cost of running a light car may be said to be between four and five cents a mile.

"These figures include the cost of overhauling all the cars, also storage charges, which aggregated \$170.

"The greatest item in all cases was that of miscellaneous expense. After that came gasoline, which cost about a cent a mile and was about a quarter of the total cost. Tire casings, lubricating oil, and miscellaneous tire costs were next in importance. Grease was the most insignificant thing of all, costing but one-thirtieth of a cent per mile. The automobiles were found to be considerably cheaper than livery service."

Farm and Fireside has a description of a man who is doing more than any other that we know of to save wildflowers in danger of extinction.

"When he isn't inspecting apiaries in his war on bee diseases," this paper tells us, "Frank C. Pellett, Iowa state bee inspector, is rescuing wild flowers from the destructive hands of his fellow Iowans. A half-acre plot on his little farm is used exclusively as a wild flower preserve, and there are more varieties of wild flowers and plants growing in this small field than can be found in almost any garden in the country. Some of these flowers have become extremely valuable because of the fact that they have practically disappeared from the fields and timberlands of the state. The state has suffered an immense loss because of this ruthless destruction of its native flowers. Mr. Pellett believes, and he is preserving all of the species until such time as the farmers begin to realize their mistake and are anxious to make amends by repopulating the roadsides with honey-producing plants.

"Inspector Pellett gave up a growing law practice to live 'close to nature.' He spent the greater part of one summer raising by hand a family of young paper making wasps who lost their mother in a storm, and succeeded so well that the baby wasps probably never realized their loss."

"Incidentally there are more birds' nests on the Pellett farm than can be found in any one spot in the Middle West."

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HIS BLOOD
PURIFIER

By M. QUAD

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A dilapidated looking old man, who was chewing sassafras root with great energy, suddenly appeared in the waiting room of the depot across the river, and as he approached a man who was waiting for the western train he pulled a bottle of liquid from an old satchel in his hand and said:

"My friend, you are looking yaller about the eyes, which is a sure sign that your blood is in a bad state. One bottle of my blood purifier will restore you to health and vigor."

"Don't want it, sir," was the reply. "All right, mister, all right. If a fellow wants to keep on looking yaller about the eyes when a pannycea is at hand, that's his own business. 'Long about the middle of April you'll be on your back with a spell of bilious fever, but you needn't lay it up agin me."

The next person approached was a severe looking woman about thirty-five years old, who was probably an old maid.

"Then yaller streaks at the corners of your mouth denote a torpid liver, ma'am," said the man as he gave the bottle a shake. "Something right here to improve your looks 50 per cent."

"Sir," she demanded in icy tones. "Only 50 cents a bottle, ma'am, and made right in my own house from herbs and roots gathered by my own hands. Just opened the campaign, and it's only 50 cents a bottle."

"Go away, sir," she commanded. "Don't want any at all, eh?"

"No, sir!"

"All right, madam, all right. Torpid liver may be a good thing to have about the house, but I don't think so. Here's your pannycea, and if you don't want it I can't compel you to buy it."

The third passenger was a man with a marked redness about the nose and rough spots on his face. He was busy with a newspaper when the old man approached with:

"One bottle will cure that nose of your money returned."

"What! What's that?" demanded the man.

"And the second bottle will cure all those rough spots."

"Look a-here, you old reprobate! What are you driving at anyhow?"

"I am selling a blood purifier, made of roots and herbs. It's a little early perhaps, but I want to get the start of the buckwheat scratchers. Are you a drinking man or not?"

"Do you mean to insult me to my face, sir? Why, I'll punch your head off."

"Wouldn't do no good, sir. Here's the only genuine blood purifier in the country, and last year I sold 7,000 bottles of it. Invigorates the liver, tones up the blood, and if I can't cure you that nose of yours I don't want a cent."

"I'll purify you, you old assassin!" said the man as he started to take off his coat. But just then a policeman came up and told the old man he must get out.

"And not sell a bottle of my blood purifier in this crowd!" he loudly asked.

"Come, out you go!" said the officer.

"And you don't want a bottle for yourself? You've got a jaundiced look and this medicine will cure it in five big doses."

He was led out and told not to re-enter the depot. But he stood at the door and said to the policeman:

"All right, officer, all right. If the people don't want my blood purifier they needn't have it. It's the season to purify, but I never go agin the law, and if there is a rampage of bilious fever don't say I wasn't around with my pannycea at regular price."

The officer made a move for him, and the old man ambled off down the street to the corner. There stood a man beside the lamp post with deep trouble in his looks and bearing, and after a moment he was addressed with:

"If I ever saw a man who needed it you are the critter!"

"Are you talking to me, sir?" was

WHEN BIRDS MIGRATE.

Yearly Flight of the Wheatear From Africa to Greenland.

In flying from Europe to Africa birds cross the Mediterranean sea at a point where the water is so shallow that it is believed the two continents were formerly connected there. The land bridge, which it is thought formerly guided the birds in their flight has disappeared, but the habit of crossing at this particular place still remains.

How do you suppose the little wheatear, no larger than a bluebird, formed the habit of migrating from Europe to Greenland? Probably he comes by way of England and Iceland, but at the best it is a long journey and seems to take the bird much farther than it is necessary to go. In the autumn he goes back to winter in Africa.

Doubtless some European water birds visit us every year, but the wheatear, so far as I know, is the only land bird which migrates regularly between North America and Africa. With this exception, no North American land birds leave the western hemisphere in their migrations.

The birds of the western United States are not such great travelers as those of the eastern part of our country. Some of them travel only from the higher parts of the Rocky mountains or Sierras, where they nest, to the low, warm valleys in which they winter.

Those that leave the United States go into Mexico. Some continue their journey as far south as Guatemala, but few go farther south than that. They can, therefore, make their journey overland and so do not encounter the dangers to which many of our eastern migrants are exposed.—Frank M. Chapman in St. Nicholas.

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